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25 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED], Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Items for Discussion, PSB Informal Meeting 26 August 1953

1. Item One: There was a preliminary meeting in the office of C.D. Jackson on Monday afternoon, 24 August on this item. (I have, in the absence of [REDACTED] secured a copy of this memo of this meeting and a list of facts he had attached to the memo, so that you may have the fullest possible report on the meeting. At your convenience, please return to me for return to Richardson's office). I checked FE [REDACTED] and that division has nothing to add.

2. Item Two: General Smith suggested to C.D. that the Board discuss handling of non-repatriated POWs. Godel and Schwinn say there is nothing to be done on this point. I discussed it with FE [REDACTED] and he told me the following which may be of interest to you: On 11 August, at a meeting of [REDACTED] suggested that the situation of North Korean refugees now in South Korea and who may indicate a desire to return to North Korea after the war is settled, should be checked into. As a result of this suggestion, Mr. Treumann, of State, has sent a query to the field asking a determination of the status of North Korean refugees in South Korea. Nothing on it has come back yet.

3. Item Three: I checked with Mr. [REDACTED] of SE, and he has nothing to add.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. [REDACTED]: He will join Ambassador Lodge on 6 September and remain through October. I passed this on to [REDACTED] who is our representative on the group supplying Mr. Lodge with material. She is lunching with [REDACTED] today and may have further news on this point for us afterwards.

b. PSB D-45: There is a letter in from Reuter on the West Berlin unemployed. President Eisenhower has it and [REDACTED] stated nothing can be done on the matter at this time. There is also a letter in from Adenauer on clothing. It is contained in telegram #654, 14 August, from Bonn. CIA is not on distribution but I picked up a copy for you at State and attach it for your information. (At your convenience

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please return to me for I must return it to Jesse MacKnight). Mr. [] of EE, who now gets up the weekly memo for DCI "Implementation of PSB D-45" tells me that he cannot possibly get that memo to me before very late Tuesday or early Wednesday morning, as deadlines are presently set up. Does this suit you or do you wish to order the various divisions to make their report as of closing time the previous Friday, and thus get it to you during Tuesday? I attach copy of last week's memo for your review. (Please return to me at your convenience).

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c. Estimate on U.S. Prestige Abroad: I discussed this with you yesterday and you made a phone call about it. You may wish to inform General Cabell that [] will ask him tomorrow how we are coming along on it and remind him that PSB deadline for getting the entire paper to NSC is 17 September.

d. PSB D-23: Body will be changed to match the new summary (copy attached for your information). This is tentatively set for the agenda of Wednesday, 2 September. I spoke to Mr. [] (FE) about it and he said they are proceeding with the changes.

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e. Reorganization: Nothing definite one way or another. Godel reports he went to California and back in the company of Brownell and Rankin and they could not make any definite statement. [] thought it was even possible we may have to wait until the next session of Congress.

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f. Ted Streibert: He is being invited to the luncheon. You recall I discussed with you the question of discussing the SE Food Drop Plan in his presence. I later ascertained the clearance we had put in for him had come through and after talks with you and [] on this point, I phoned [] that it was all right. [] stated that if the subject was not discussed at this meeting because of the presence of Mr. Streibert, no harm would be done.

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5. With reference to Item One of the agenda, I attach for your convenience my own copy of the PSB memorandum on the subject, just in case yours is not immediately available to you. I had sent you a copy via CPP and DD/P (Mr. [] on Monday told me he was forwarding it to you with comments by []. Please return to me at your convenience.

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Enclosures:

Agenda

1. Memo for PSB re radio facilities dtd 18 Aug 53
2. Memo for Record dtd 24 August 53
3. State Telegram #654 dtd 14 August 53
4. Memo for DCI dtd 18 August 53
5. Draft of PSB D-23 Summary dtd 24 August 53

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